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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tsuyoshi MATSUSHITA

Application No.: 10/575,098

Filed: April 10, 2006

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Group Art Unit: 2816

Examiner: LONG T. NGUYEN

For: LEVEL SHIFT CIRCUIT AND SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT INCLUDING THE SAME

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 2, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 2, 2009, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct Species:

Species I - Figures 1-3; and

Species II - Figure 4.

Applicant elects **Species I (Figures 1-3)**, with claims 1-3, 7 and 8 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

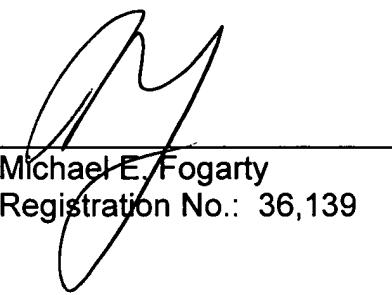
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

Respectfully submitted,

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